

**ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
Honorable Joyce White Vance
Announcement Number 10-NDAL-11**

<u>About the Office:</u>	The United States Attorney's Office prosecutes federal criminal offenses, and defends the U.S. Government's interest in civil cases. The United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama covers 31 of the state's 67 counties, and has a branch office located in Huntsville, Alabama.
<u>Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered:</u>	This announcement is for one Assistant United States Attorney position in the Criminal Division, Asset Forfeiture Unit. The person selected will work closely with other prosecutors in cases arising from a vast array of criminal actions, including various types of financial fraud and drug offenses. A large part of the case load will be prosecuting both civil and criminal forfeiture actions, as well as forfeiture-related appeals.
<u>Qualifications:</u>	<p>Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the bar (any jurisdiction), and have at least 3 years of post-J.D. experience. Applicants are required to be a member of the Alabama Bar or willing to become a member within the first 24 months of employment. The person selected for this position must be fully and exclusively invested in the Northern District of Alabama.</p> <p>Preferred qualifications: The preferred applicant for this position will have a solid academic background, strong legal research and writing skills, experience with complex case investigations, with a business, securities, or white collar litigation background, and five to seven years legal experience since law school.</p>
<u>Travel:</u>	Frequent travel is required.
<u>Salary Information:</u>	Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number of years of professional attorney experience. The range of basic pay is \$44,581 to \$131,534 plus locality pay where authorized. However, the initial starting salary will be determined based on the number of years of experience and will not exceed \$90,000.
<u>Location:</u>	This position is located in the Birmingham office. Birmingham is an area of rolling hills, beautiful lakes, downtown lofts, evening concerts in the park, nationally ranked restaurants, and an amusement and theme park.
<u>Relocation Expenses:</u>	Relocation expenses will not be authorized.
<u>Application Process and Deadline Date:</u>	<p>All applications/resumes should be postmarked May 24, 2010. Please attach employment references to your resume. No telephone calls please.</p> <p>Interested parties should direct cover letters and applications and/or resumes to:</p> <p>Human Resources United States Attorneys Office 1801 4th Avenue North Birmingham, AL 35203</p>
<u>Internet Sites:</u>	<p>Other information about the U. S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Alabama can be found at: http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/aln</p> <p>This and other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at: http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/attvacancies.html</p>

Department Policies:

Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which he or she is appointed. See 28 U.S.C. § 545 for district-specific information.

All initial attorney appointments to the Department of Justice are made on a time-limited (temporary) basis. Temporary appointments may, or may not, be made permanent without further competition.

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, color, race, religion, national origin, politics, marital status, disability, age, status as a parent, membership or nonmembership in an employee organization, or personal favoritism. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit within the Department of Justice. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference are encouraged to include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty and other supporting documents) to their submissions. Although the "point" system is not used, per se, applicants eligible to claim 10-point preference must submit Standard Form (SF) 15, Application for 10-Point Veteran Preference, and submit the supporting documentation required for the specific type of preference claimed (visit the OPM website, http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdf_fill/SF15.pdf for a copy of SF 15, which lists the types of 10 point preferences and the required supporting documents). Applicants should note that SF 15 requires supporting documentation associated with service-connected disabilities or receipt of nonservice-connected disability pensions to be dated 1991 or later except in the case of service members submitting official statements or retirement orders from a branch of the Armed Forces showing that his or her retirement was due to a permanent service-connected disability or that he/she was transferred to the permanent disability retired list (the statement or retirement orders must indicate that the disability is 10% or more).

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